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We were the recipients last week of an interesting little volume of eighty pages neatly bound entitled "Facing the Many Scenes of Time," by Rev. T. B. Gardner, which contains an interesting and illuminating account of the life of the author and incidents connected therewith from 1851 to the present. It would be well for every member of the race in this state to secure a copy of this most interesting little booklet.

Some time ago social workers, colored and white, went to visit the local branch of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company. The colored members of the party were refused admittance but the others were welcomed.

The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People took the case up for investigation and learned that the refusal was made not out of disrespect to the Negro callers, but in order to shield them from possible insults from the employees. This is a fine idea and ought to make the Loose-Wiles products taste much better to black consumers.

Everyone appreciates the possible good which may come from club work among women, yet it often happens that the woman who reads the best paper makes the poorest pie and the one most artistic with the crochet needle is least artistic with the broom.

It is the spiritual side of domestic life rather than the physical which needs most attention and which the clubs should strive to promote. What we need is better housewives and more enthusiastic mothers, rather than married women students of abstruse arts and forgotten lore. The parent-teachers' clubs now being instituted in school neighborhoods stand out as the most cogent possibility along the right lines.

With magic wand the United States has waved the war cloud up from below the horizon. The dignity of the nation has been transgressed by an irresponsible act in Mexico for which apology was promptly made. The apology was not sufficient.

It is no insult to the flag when an innocent black citizen is burned alive at the stake. Lynching does not disturb the tranquil dignity of liberty. These are small matters, so small that, for example, the Louisville daily papers did not even mention the fact that a white census taker raped a 16-year-old colored girl whom he found alone in her home the other day. But with the Mexicans it is different, the brown, greasy things. Our great nation will brook no offense from them. They must know, even if at the bayonet point, that we are a people who dwell upon conventionalities and that the slightest detail of our citizenship is more precious than our blood.

We are asking our friends to bring their children in early and have them fitted out in Easter shoes and Mary Janes. Our stock is complete in these lines. 1507 E. 18th Street.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Next Sunday's afternoon meeting will be addressed by Mr. C. A. Franklin, a former member of the Denver Association, at 3:30 p. m. 1839 Paseo. All men are invited.

The work on the new building is going forward at a rapid rate. It is a most inspiring sight to those who visit the rooms and all seem highly pleased with the progress that is being made. At this writing the cement is being placed for the third story and for the gymnasium roof.

The total amount of money collected to date is \$15,272.95. This leaves a balance of \$1,727.05 needed to reach the \$17,000.00 mark, which we must reach in order to claim Mr. Rosenwald's check for \$26,000.00. If those who have not paid in full would visit the building site we feel that no effort would be spared on their part to contribute to the fund needed to keep the work going as it has started. We can't afford to let it stop.

Preparations are being made for the cornerstone laying on the new building. It is expected that the time will be set this week so that it may be made public. Dr. J. E. Mooreland is expected to be present at this big celebration and tell us of the progress being made in other cities that have had building campaigns. We hope by this time to reach the \$17,000.00 mark and thus be able to celebrate the receiving of Mr. Rosenwald's check at the same time.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

"I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10. National Y. W. C. A. motto.

Our gymnasium classes did splendid work on Saturday last week. Miss Hattie Anderson was pianist for the girls and Miss Effie Grant performed for the adult class.

The Rev. Richard Davis, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the Missouri side, delivered an able discourse in 25 minutes to a thoroughly appreciative audience at our Vesper service last Sunday.

We regret that Miss Ethel Smith, who has played for the class weekly for over six months, had to retire ere the close of the "gym" year, but it is probable that she is busy with her preparations for graduation. She has at least had the joy of volunteer service which is a privilege for all girls in the Association.

Our Vesper service tomorrow, April 26th, will be held at the C. M. E. Church, Oakland avenue, of which the Rev. Warfield is pastor. An excellent program has been planned by Mrs. J. W. Jacobs which includes a paper by Miss Winifred Morton; Miss Lottie Tipton and Miss Irene Ferguson will render solos, and Miss Kathrene Johnson who started the movement for the Y. W. C. A. for colored women in this city, will make remarks. The public is invited. Service begins at 8:00 o'clock.

Betty & Sam's Little Corner



THEY SAY

—That Dr. Ramsey, Dr. Carrion, J. C. Hobbs and A. W. Harris are organizing a Negro regiment. Oh you Mexico.

—That the apron and necktie party to be given by the Social Pathfinders at Allen Chapel, May 6th, will be grand. Will you be there?

—That the next boob who starts anything in the Cabaret will make sure Bush Wells is not around.

—That when a woman gets angry she has a fainting spell, but when a man gets angry he just raises h—.

—That the contest launched by the Bull Moose Conference for the most popular young lady in Allen Chapel is getting red hot.

—That truth and falsehood went in bathing together. Falsehood came out first and dressed herself in truth's garments. Truth unwilling to put on falsehood's clothes went naked. Hence the "naked" truth.

On last Tuesday the Grand Court of the Heroines of Jericho, through Mrs. Lila Swan, Grand Treasurer, presented to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary for the benefit of the Masonic Home, \$53.35 as a contribution for the year 1913 with an expressed desire that needed improvements in the fencing, chicken coops and cow sheds be made. Coming just at a time when we had been much exercised over the fire at the Home, it was doubly acceptable and the Grand Master desired to extend to this splendid auxiliary of the Masonic family the sincere thanks of the craftsmen throughout the Jurisdiction.

THE NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

Allen Chapel and Clark Chapel Visited Last Sunday Night.

The League held a very interesting session at Allen Chapel last Sunday night. In the absence of the President Editor N. C. Crews was called to preside and after a few brief remarks introduced the following members who made short but forcible addresses: Prof. G. A. Faye, Hop. L. A. Knox, Prof. Shelton French, and Secretary E. A. Robinson. Mrs. G. F. Porter contributed a magnificent solo to the program. The meeting closed with a few words of endorsement from Rev. W. H. Thomas, pastor and the introduction to the audience of the business representatives present.

At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon Mr. C. A. Franklin and Secretary E. A. Robinson represented the league before the forum in Kansas City Kansas, and were given a most cordial reception. Those who rendered service at Clark Chapel Sunday night were: Mr. C. A. Franklin, William Johnson, E. W. Loden and William Hopkins. This church is at Seventeenth and Madison and a splendid crowd greeted these representatives of the league.

On next Sunday night the League will have charge of the program at the Second Baptist church, Dr. S. W. Bascote pastor, and the following program will be rendered:

Addressees by Dr. H. T. Keallan, Hon. C. H. Calloway, and Mrs. J. E. Dibble. Solo by Mrs. Corinne Lester. Duet by Dr. and Mrs. William J. Thompson.

On the same evening Dr. J. E. Dibble, William Johnson, C. S. Gossett and C. H. Countee will represent the League and deliver addresses at Rev. Powell's church, Nineteenth and Ashway. It is the purpose of the League to carry the battle to every section of Kansas City.

VINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sister Richard Lemmons is improving rapidly. She is at the Perry Sanitarium and we hope for her recovery soon. Dr. J. E. Perry deserves much credit for the skillful manner in which he performed the operation. Sister S. A. Haworth and Sister G. W. Taylor are ill and we hope for their recovery soon. Mrs. R. T. Williams of Columbia, Mo., spent two pleasant weeks in Kansas City visiting relatives and friends. She was the guest of Mrs. Samuel Graham, 1209 Jackson avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peck are as happy as can be over the arrival of a little stranger in the family. She came April 5th and was given the name of Helen Velma. We hope she will live long to scatter rays of sunshine for her parents and be a blessing to them in their old age. Our pastor, Dr. T. H. Ewing, celebrated his 52d anniversary April 17, and in honor of this great event the church gave him a banquet the like of which has never been given in Kansas City. A committee of ladies of which Sister Ella Gilham was chairman, spared no pains to make the affair the greatest ever witnessed in Kansas City. Great credit is due them for the wholesome supper served. Sister Ella Gilham presented the pastor a large birthday cake, the striking feature being that there were 52 flags which denoted each year of his life. The cake was full of flags from top to bottom so he must be old. The church was beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, palms and flowers and over each entrance was our motto, "Welcome." Every heart was glad and the very zephyrs seemed to bring us sweet tidings of joy to know that such a preacher, teacher and builder, was the pastor of our church. If the race had more such men, the standard of Christianity and morality would be higher and victory would be ours. At 9:30 the large doors opened and the chairman, Mrs. Ella Gilham, entered the room closely followed by Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Ewing and Mrs. Lucille Gilham and others. They were seated in front of the rostrum and after a few brief remarks from Mr. C. A. Franklin, Dr. T. O. Unthank and Prof. A. M. Wilson, Dr. Ewing responded. Supper was served to 200 persons present. There was plenty of chicken, salads, ice cream, cake and lemonade. We only wish that such days come twice a year at least. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Franklin, Dr. T. C. Unthank, Prof. A. M. Wilson.

When Figures Lied.

"Joe" Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federals, was entertaining some friends with baseball stories. One of them was about a game between Mobile and Savannah in the Southern league. The score stood 5 to 4 in favor of Savannah when a row occurred and the umpire awarded the game to Mobile by the usual 9 to 0 score. On the way home from the grounds, two negroes were discussing the affair.

"But if Savannah had five runs," said one, "how could the score be nine to nothing?"

"That's easy," replied the other. "What's yo' rithmetic? Didn't Mobile have foah runs?"

"Yaas."

"Well, den, don't foah an' five make nine?"

Where Angels ear.

The old and good jokes come precious near to being matched in real life. Phil May's little girl, watching the boy at the hokey-poker stand, and remarking: "Don't be make a gawd of his stummock? That's the second 'ap'orth I've seed 'im 'ave this morn'ing." was capped by a certain pony-coated one of the "facile pink-ups" at a tango tea. A slim and satisfied-looking young man had just bade her good-by. He was off to another occasion of the same kind.

"Gee," she said, "don't that guy worship his feet? I'll be the thud time he's tangoed this afternoon!"

Kaiser as a Censor.

The Kaiser has forbidden the production at Herr Reinhardt's Deutsches theater of a play called "Ferdinand Prince of Prussia," on the ground that one of the characters is a member of the Prussian royal family. There is no appeal from the Kaiser's censorship.

Stop Sunday Funerals

Pompous Funeral Processions Having a Morbid Effect.

(By Chas. A. Starks).

One of the most baneful and morbid practices that is making itself felt among our people is the Sunday funeral with all of its pompous auxiliaries, a custom that has its origin in a fetish worship that belongs to ages of the past. The world in reaching forth for those things of a higher and more substantial nature, has neither time nor disposition to watch with any pleasure these vain processions of pomp that are being grafted upon the public mind, with the usual discordant band that shakes the telephone poles when making an attack on some swelling strain or a feeble attempt to keep alive a dying militarism that is swiftly becoming obsolete, all of which strikes the thoughtful person as being ill timed and having no true place in our busy



CHAS. A. STARKS.

The versatile and brilliant correspondent of the Kansas City Sun.

and progressive life. This tendency to worship the dead with such public demonstration is positively wrong, and brings to light one of the strangest paradoxes in all human affairs, that of some deceased person, even below mediocre note, figuring as the dead "principal" in a rich and expensive funeral where money, flowers, time and curiosity are lavished upon one, who in life, perhaps never enjoyed or ever merited these things. No objections are advanced against relatives and friends showing proper concern regarding any deceased but in our burial ceremonies we should seek simplicity and divest the funeral of this unnatural pomp and vain glory, especially in this true of the Sunday funeral when so many people are compelled to either see these processions or listen to the Thanatopsis-like music.

Some prominent Mason has advised a more simple ceremony in affairs of this kind and for this reason we urge every lodge to refrain from the Sunday funeral whenever possible and if they must have turnouts, let them be in the week and not on the Sabbath. We understand that in Denver, Colo., that these processions are forbidden on Sunday by city regulations. Attending church on a Sunday one is invariably confronted with some funeral procession or the prospect of one, this should be stopped and there are several concrete reasons for doing so which we give below:

1st. The average colored person works hard six days in the week and should not have his day of rest and recreation disturbed by a pretentious funeral with an ill-tuned brass band as its chief feature.

2nd. A funeral has a morbid effect on the public mind, especially when it is pompous and loud. And in individual cases there have been serious complications resulting from debilitating music that reaches the ears of the sick who must hear these airs with as you can imagine no hopeful feeling.

3rd. The average bereaved family can ill afford these expensive funerals, even though there is an endowment of several hundred dollars, and worthy friends who lavish the flowers on a deceased friend in death, must be reminded of the irony of this action, since they usually fail to do these offices toward the object when in life.

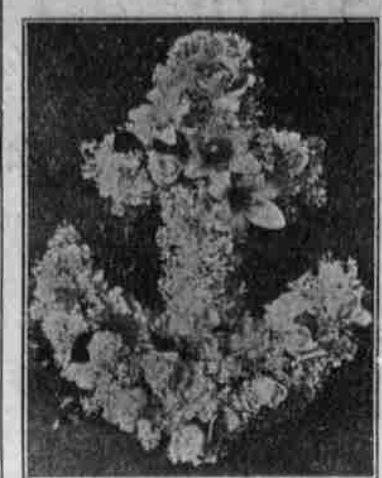
4th. Any week day is the logical time for a funeral. And simplicity is the one rule to govern all. The rich have ceased to practice it. "Showy" processions and even request that no flowers be sent, and discourage curiosity by holding simple "services" from their residence. What the rich do from a good taste, the poor can do from the same, with this added virtue—economy.

We believe the above reasons are sufficient to warrant the discontinuance of the Sunday "practice" nor are we lacking in those human sympathies for one another in hours when some dear friend has closed his or her earthly career.

Sorrow wins its way to the receptive heart and needs no brass band to advocate its cause. The real sufferer or mourner does not seek the time light of public curiosity or vain display but rather quiet and solitude alone with God where vanity may be excluded from sorrow and the suffering one realizes the quality of infinity love to cure every human wound. If the deceased has demonstrated good in life, remember that the same cannot die. And that truth, however humble may be the one that lives it, has the quality of eternity stamped upon it and must live, just as true as error, vanity, falsehood, and other like things must perish, and cannot be perpetuated by any methods of vain proceedings.

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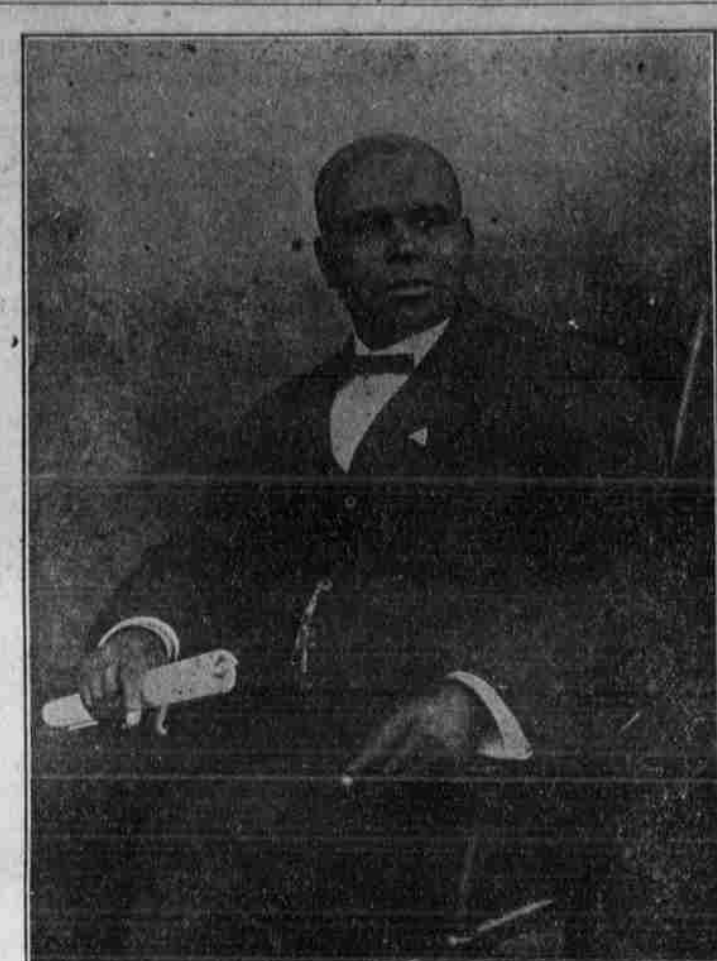
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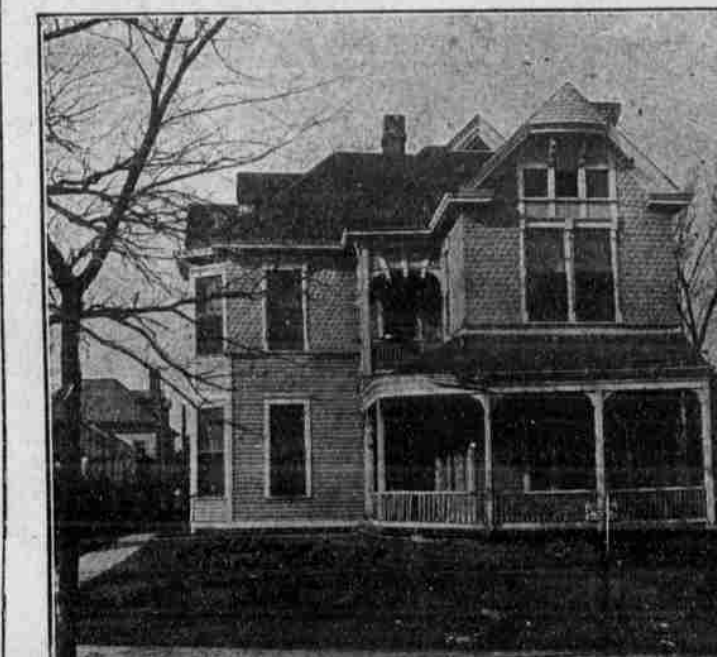
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